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Honorable Robert Gates
Acting Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gates:

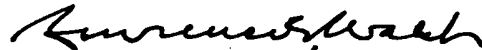
We were advised late last week by the Inspector General that a set of handwritten notes, related to our investigation, were destroyed by an inspector within the Office of Inspector General.

The purpose of this letter is not to address this specific act. An investigation will be conducted and the circumstances of the destruction ascertained. Rather, the purpose of this letter is to advise you that we view the matter of the destruction of any records relating to this investigation as a very serious and disturbing act.

I know that you are sensitive to these concerns and have previously instructed your employees to preserve tact all records relating to our investigation. I ask you to once again instruct your employees concerning this matter, and to take whatever additional steps are necessary to insure that your instructions are strictly followed. Associate Counsel Randy Bellows has already discussed the problem with General Counsel Doherty and Inspector General Hauver.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lawrence E. Walsh
Independent Counsel

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